

SALVATION FREE.

But There Was a Collection and Also a Reason For It.

The religious person had been told that a powerful sermon on "Salvation Free" would be given at the church. The collection would be taken for the benefit of the person and his family. A pious man, a night before, had been told to the back of the church.

"Look a fresh, puhson," he interrupted, "you ain't no better than telling us dat salvation are free. You go on and make us for money. If salvation are free, what's de use in payin' for it? But's what I want to know, 'an I get yo' pointin' dat I ain't goin' to get no makin' until I find out. Now."

"Tallness, brother, puhson," said the person, "I'll make you. You was thirty an' come to a three. You could know right down an' drink yo' fill, couldn't you? An' it's a million cost yo' makin', w-ouldn't it?"

"Oh course not, dat's not what I—"

"But water would be free," continued the person, "I'm s'posed yo' was to hab dat water piped to yo' house, yo'd have to pay, wouldn't yo'?"

"Yes, s'pose, but—"

"Wait, brother, so it is wad salvation. De salvation are free, but it's de havin' it piped to yo' dat yo' got to pay for. Puss de hat, deason, puss de hat."—Everybody's Magazine.

DURABLE INK.

The Secret of Its Manufacture Seems to Have Been Lost.

The ink manufacturer has made great strides in his field. He has produced many colored fluids that seem well adapted to ordinary use. But how long will this ink last without fading?

Did you ever pick up a letter written ten or fifteen years ago and note how much of it is illegible because the ink has faded? Some precious documents not a century old are preserved today in air tight cases, so that the ink will not fade any more. Others have been copied in order to retain the exact chirography of the original authors.

Fading ink is one of the things in which the ancients did not believe. Many of the mediaeval manuscripts six and seven hundred years old have their letters formed of ink that is as black and bright as on the day when first written.

Who has the secret of this lost art of making durable ink? It is another one of the lost arts that is worthy of investigation. The ancients had fewer materials to work with and less facilities for laboratory tests, but we must acknowledge that there are some things in which they excelled us.—World Today.

Largest Family on Record.

In the Harleian manuscript, Nos. 78 and 180, in the library of the British museum mention is made of the most extraordinary family that has ever been known in the world's history. The parties were a Scotch weaver and his wife (not wives), who were the father and mother of six children. The majority of the children of this prolific pair were so numerous that how many is not known. The record mentions the fact that one of the male children lived to reach manhood's estate and only four of the daughters lived to be grown up. In the year 1620, the majority of them then residing in and about Newcastle-on-Tyne. It is recorded in one of the old histories of Newcastle that "a certain gentleman of large estates" rode "thirty and three miles beyond the Tyne to prove this wonderful story." It is further related that Sir J. Bowers adopted ten of the sons and three other "landed gentlemen" took ten each. The remaining members of the extraordinary family were brought up by the parents.

Mascagni's Royal Critic.

Mascagni, the famous composer, was once asked to entertain the royal court in Rome. He did so and delighted his audience. When he finished playing he started a conversation with a little princess who had stood near the piano during the recital and had shown every sign of deep interest. As a matter of fact, she had been instructed by her mother to say, if any question should be asked, that "Mascagni was the greatest musician in Italy."

The composer asked her which of the great living masters she liked best, and the proud mother turned toward the child to hear the pretty little speech which had been taught her. Instead of the compliment came the withering remark:

"There are no great masters living. They are all dead."

The musician gave a little start and then said:

"Your excellency, permit me to congratulate you. You are the most truthful critic in Europe."

An Extinguished Flame.

"John, I found a lock of hair among your old letters."

"Well?"

"I never gave it to you."

"Don't worry. I don't remember who did."—Houston Chronicle.

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For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of *Dr. J. C. Watson*

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When Julia, Mrs. Blank's maid of all work, came to her mistress and "gave notice" because she was going to be married, Mrs. Blank said:

"You know, Julia, that marriage is a pretty serious thing."

"Yes'm," replied Julia, "but not gittin' married is a more serious thing sometimes, don't you think? Anyhow, it'll be as serious for him as it is for me if we don't get along all right. But then, as you say, gittin' married is about the seriouses't piece of bixness a body can engage in, an' maybe I am a fool an' maybe he's a bigger one. There's no tellin'. It's a terrible solemn thing, as I reckon you've found out by this time. Like enough I'll slip sorrow, but so will he. That's one comfort."—Detroit Free Press.

A Living Skeleton

Is the final condition of any child that has worms—if it lives. Think of having something in your stomach that eats all you take as nourishment. Nine-tenths of the babies have worms—maybe yours has. Be certain that it has not by giving it White's Cream Vermifuge—it expels all worms and is a tonic for the baby. Price 25 cents. Sold by W. M. Johnson.

On Her Own Head

Hidley, What? You said you'd be a doctor. It's a long time since I saw you. No matter. The sign will be on my own head!—Hippocampus Magazine.

"Tis the mind that makes the body rich.—Shakespeare.

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Whether from colds, heat, stomach or nervous troubles, Capudine will relieve you. It's liquid—pleasant to take—acts immediately. Try it. 10c, 25c and 50c at all drug stores.

The Sun office for calling cards.

TWO PIANOS AND A DIAMOND RING

Total Cash Value, \$1,000.00

To Be Given Away by the Merchants and The Sun to Citizens of Alachua County!

Each Section Gets a Prize!

Contest to Close August 18, 1909

Realizing that all should share alike in the distribution, leading business houses have joined in the combination to give away Two Handsome Pianos and One Diamond Ring to residents of Alachua county in three different sections. These progressive firms will give One Vote for each penny spent with them.

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The Gainesville Section Will embrace the city and suburbs and be confined to a radius of four miles in each direction. The winner in this district will be awarded a HANDSOME DIAMOND RING.

Eastern and Southern Section Will comprise territory from Fairbanks all points east and from Rochelle all points south—Waldo, Hawthorn, Island Grove, Campville, Micanopy, Lake View, Tacoma and all points along line of T. & J. Ry. ONE PIANO.

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The following merchants will give one vote for every cent paid into their establishments for goods which they handle:

Gainesville Furniture Company, Furniture.
Phifer & Morris Co., Clothing and Furnishings.
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L. C. Smith, Shoes and Jewelry.
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Saunders & Earle, Groceries and Feed Stuffs.
City Bakery, Bread and Pastry.
P. Y. Smith, Fresh Meats.
Crawford & Davis, Livery and Sale Stables.
The Sun, Printing and Publishing.
The Brown House, Meals and Lodging.
N. Francisco, Banana House, Fruits, Etc.
Eddins Mfg. Co., Lumber and Building Material.
Standard Fertilizer Co., Fertilizers.

Where Votes May Be Cast

Ballot boxes will be found in the establishments of the merchants giving votes and at The Sun office. Votes sent by mail must be directed to the Voting Contest Department of The Sun, Gainesville, Florida.

Rules and Regulations

1. The contest is open to anyone living in Alachua county who is known by the conductors of the contest or vouched for by some reputable person, to them well known.
2. No employee, attaché or relative of the proprietors of the above-named firms are eligible to participate in this contest, and will participate in no manner.
3. In the event of a misunderstanding between candidates or others interested in this contest, such controversy may be referred to the conductors of contest, who alone are the persons qualified to render decisions.
4. In the event a candidate decides to withdraw from the race, such candidate will not be allowed to transfer votes to the credit of another candidate in the contest.

THE DAILY SUN

	Old Subscribers	New Subscribers
\$1.25—Three months' subscription	500 votes	700 votes
\$2.50—Six months' subscription	1,200 votes	1,500 votes
\$5.00—One year's subscription	3,500 votes	4,500 votes
For a club of five one-year subscriptions (before 12 o'clock noon, Aug. 18, 1909)	30,000 votes	35,000 votes
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For a club of five one-year subscriptions	5,000 votes

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Soliciting votes by candidates or friends within the stores distributing votes is undesired by the proprietors.